



## Degrees awarded statewide

Status: Making progress

### Degrees and other credentials awarded statewide by level

	AY98	AY99	AY00	AY01	AY02	AY03	AY04	AY05	AY06	AY07	9-Yr. Change
Certificate	123	168	165	1,977	3,843	4,055	5,915	7,915	11,831	12,317	523%
Diploma	-	-	-	1,609	1,608	1,705	2,226	2,310	2,130	2,301	43%*
Associate	5,123	5,038	4,933	5,078	5,567	6,205	6,841	7,139	7,508	7,834	53%
Bachelor's	14,579	15,119	15,319	14,882	15,839	15,771	16,902	17,457	18,224	18,623	28%
Post-Bac Cert.	38	31	17	12	45	35	40	24	100	145	282%
Master's/Specialist	4,566	4,763	4,748	4,888	5,035	5,473	6,202	6,570	6,828	7,005	53%
Post-Master's Cert.	6	0	0	0	0	0	10	18	20	47	683%
Doctoral	323	312	355	284	336	347	387	423	476	513	59%
Professional	819	817	791	824	820	840	863	917	896	913	11%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,577</b>	<b>26,248</b>	<b>26,328</b>	<b>29,554</b>	<b>33,093</b>	<b>34,431</b>	<b>39,386</b>	<b>42,773</b>	<b>48,013</b>	<b>49,698</b>	<b>94%</b>

\*A 6-year percent change is calculated for certificates and diplomas because reliable data is not available prior to AY01.

Source: CPE Comprehensive Database

### Highlights

- Total degrees and other credentials awarded increased nearly 4% over last year, from 48,013 in 2005-06 to 49,698 in 2006-07.
- Over the decade, Kentucky postsecondary education increased its performance on this indicator by 94%.
- Bachelor's degree production, which drives the Double the Numbers goal, increased 2% from last year and rose 28% over the decade.
- Much of the growth has been at the certificate level, primarily due to the entrance of KCTCS into the system.

### About this measure

Degrees awarded is perhaps the most important output measure for postsecondary education. The number of graduates produced each year has a direct effect on Kentucky's educational attainment level and is the driving factor in achieving the state's ambitious goal to Double the Number of bachelor's degrees by the year 2020.

This indicator measures the total number of certificates, diplomas, and degrees awarded in an academic year (July 1 through June 30) by KCTCS and the public and independent sectors.